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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6502

BILL NUMBER: HB 1278

DATE PREPARED: Nov 28, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Regional Law Enforcement Training Fee and Funds.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill establishes a regional law enforcement training fee and regional law enforcement training fund for each region served by a regional law enforcement training council formed before January 1, 2002. The bill establishes a \$2 fee to be collected in cases in which a person commits a crime or an infraction, or violates an ordinance and requires the fees to be distributed to the council serving the region. It requires a council to use regional law enforcement training funds solely for training of law enforcement officers who work for an agency or department that is wholly or predominantly within the geographic region of the council.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Background-* There is an Indiana Training Academy which provides basic training as well as inservice and special training to State and local law enforcement. The Academy is supported through a designated fund which receives revenues from court fees. In the past two bienniums, the Academy has received additional funding from the state General Fund. The Academy does not charge local units for basic training, but does charge for inservice and special training. According to statute, the Academy is not the only source of law enforcement training.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: The bill would establish a user fee of \$2 for the support of regional law enforcement training. Each regional law enforcement training council would administer its own fund and the costs of administering the fund would be paid by the fund. The fee would be first collected by the court clerk, transferred to either the county auditor or local fiscal officer for deposit into the User Fee Fund, and then transferred to the Regional Law Enforcement Training Fund established under this bill. Counties, cities, and

towns would experience an indeterminable increase in court fee revenues deposited into their user fee funds. Revenues would be transferred to already established regional enforcement training councils (established before January 1, 2002) in order to defray the cost of training law enforcement officers.

The specific effects of this bill would vary between regional enforcement training councils and would depend upon the number of individuals within the boundaries of each council that either commits a felony or misdemeanor, or violates an infraction or ordinance.

Background - There are currently seven regional law enforcement training councils in Indiana including North, North East, North Central, Central, South East (not recognized by the Board), South Central, and South West. Currently, each of the six officially recognized regional law enforcement training councils serve anywhere from 400 to 1,500 law enforcement officers within each set of council boundaries.

State Agencies Affected: Law Enforcement Training Board.

Local Agencies Affected: Law Enforcement Agencies.

Information Sources: Jim White, Deputy Director, Indiana Law Enforcement Training Academy.